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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles—Gunman with Rifle Opens Fire at LAPD, Prompting Massive Search

(U) A man armed with a rifle fired several rounds toward Los Angeles police officers last night near a park in South Los Angeles, prompting police to return fire at the gunman. It is unclear if the shooter was struck by police gunshots. The gunman fled the area, prompting a massive search that was ongoing at the time of reporting. Police set up a perimeter in the neighborhood to search for the gunman, who was described as an adult Latino male wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

SOURCE: 15 June 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Menlo Park—Facebook Will Use Artificial Intelligence to Find Extremist Posts

(U) Responding to complaints that not enough is being done to keep extremist content off social media platforms, Facebook said yesterday that it would begin using artificial intelligence to help remove inappropriate content. Facebook described how an artificial-intelligence system would, over time, teach itself to identify key phrases that were previously flagged for being used to bolster a known terrorist group. Brian Fishman, Facebook's lead policy manager for counterterrorism, said the company currently has a team of 150 specialists working in 30 languages to review content for context.

SOURCE: 15 June 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado—Shooting Suspect in Custody After Base Lockdown, One Injured

(U) Fort Carson—A suspect is in custody at Ft. Carson after a reported shooting on post injured one person. Officials yesterday evening said the lockdown that lasted about an hour had been lifted, and all gates and facilities are open. The initial report of an active shooter situation was inaccurate, according to an official statement. One injured individual was in stable condition, but officials did not say if that person was shot, nor did they describe the nature of the person's injuries. The incident on Fort Carson comes just one day after a lockdown at Travis Air Force Base in California.

SOURCE: 15 June 2017, [ArmyTimes](#)

(U) Tennessee—Escaped Georgia Inmates Captured after Chase

(U) Nashville—A pair of inmates from Georgia suspected of killing two corrections officers during their escape from a prisoner bus this week have been captured in Tennessee after a chase that involved gunfire, authorities said. Donnie Russell Rowe, 43, and Ricky Dubose, 24, were taken into custody yesterday after two residents held them at gunpoint when they discovered the men were trying to steal a car from a central Tennessee home, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The pair allegedly stole five vehicles, robbed two homes, tied up and terrorized an elderly couple; and led police on a chase where speeds reached 100 mph before being captured, officials said.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Netherlands—EU Jihadist Arrests Rise for Third Year, Says Europol

(U) The Hague—The number of people arrested on suspicion of Islamist terrorism in the EU rose last year for the third year in a row, according to Europol. In its annual EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report, Europol said that in 2016 there was a total of 142 "failed, foiled and completed attacks" reported by eight member states that included attacks by jihadists, nationalists and other groups. The report stated that 718 jihadist terror suspects were arrested, up from 687 in 2015 and 395 in 2014. It also noted a rise in violent assault by right-wing groups.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) Syria—ISIS Leader Al-Baghdadi May Have Been Killed in Airstrike, Says Russian Military

(U) Raqqa—Russia's military said today that one of its airstrikes in Syria late last month may have killed the leader of ISIS. The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement it was "checking this through various channels" to determine whether ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was killed in an airstrike on 28 May targeting a command post where top ISIS officials were purportedly meeting in the outskirts of Raqqa. Russia's statement is far from definitive, and the claims were not corroborated by the United States.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [ABC News](#)

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) District of Columbia—Assaults Against Border Officers Up in Fiscal Year 2017

(U) Washington—Assaults against US Customs and Border Protection officers in the first eight months of fiscal year 2017 surpassed the total number of attacks officers sustained in all of the previous year. CBP reported 592 assaults against its Border Patrol, Office of Field Operations, and Air and Marine Operations officers from 1 October through 31 May, according to data published yesterday. Attacks on Border Patrol agents made up more than 90 percent of the total attacks.

SOURCE: 15 June 2017, [Washington Examiner](#)

(U) Mexico—Statewide Operation Nets 70 Arrests, Suspected Cartel Members

(U) Chihuahua—A statewide operation targeting organized crime netted 70 arrests, including suspected drug cartel gunmen, Chihuahua officials said. Officials said that the arrests, which were carried out by state police and the Mexican military, took place between 19 March and 12 June. The operation also netted 74 vehicles, including 39 that had been reported stolen, 23 rifles, 16 handguns and five explosives, according to state officials.

SOURCE: 15 June 2017, [El Paso Times](#)

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